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SUBJECT: UN 5TH COMMITTEE: 1739TH MEETING, NOVEMBER 13

1. SUMMARY: AFTER REJECTING ALL PROPOSED AMENDMENTS, 5TH COMMITTEE APPROVED COLOMBIAN DRAFT RESOLUTION ON PUBLIC INFORMATION POLICIES AND ACTIVITIES (A/C5/1.1241/REV.4) BY VOTE OF 78 TO 3 (US,UK,ISRAEL) TO 19. COMMITTEE ALSO APPROVED TWO ORAL DECISIONS SUBMITTED BY NEW ZEALAND THAT RAPPORTEUR SHOULD REPORT THE "THE SENSE OF THE COMMITTEE.". A. THAT PUBLIC INFORMATION POLICIES CONTINUE TO BE CONSIDERED IN 5TH COMMITTEE; AND B. THE COLOMBIAN DRAFT RESOLUTION WOULD INVOLVE NO ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES. END SUMMARY.

2. AFTER SEVERAL DELEGATIONS HAD SPOKEN IN FAVOR OF COLOMBIAN RESOLUTION, UPPER VOLTA DEL SAID HE WOULD ABSTAIN, BECAUSE RESOLUTION MAKES NO SENSE IF NO SUBSTANTIAL PROGRAM CHANGE WOULD RESULT.

3. AMENDMENT SUBMITTED BY FRG (A/C5/L1247) WAS DEFEATED BY VOTE OF 20 TO 45 TO 26 (US). PROPOSAL OF NETHERLANDS TO DELETE LAST TWO LINES OF OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS 3 WAS DEFEATED VY VOTE OF 24 (US) TO 57 TO 17. ALGERIAN UNCLASSIFIED

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PROPOSAL TO ADD FOLLOWING AT END OF OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH

3: "IT BEING UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS NEW ITEM WOULD BE CONSIDERED IN THE 5TH COMMITTEE" WAS DEFEATED BY VOTE OF 35 (US) TO 42 TO 21. OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 1 WAS APPROVED BY VOTE OF 79 TO 3 (US,UK,FRG) TO 9 (UPPER VOLTA AND SOME EUROPEANS). OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 2 WAS APPROVED BY VOTE OF 86 TO 1 (US) TO 9 (EUROPEANS). OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 3 WAS ADOPTED AFTER ROLL CALL VOTE, BY VOTE OF 63 TO 71 (US) TO 20. DRAFT RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE WAS ADOPTED BY VOTE OF 78 TO 3 (US,UK, ISRAEL) TO 19. ORAL DECISION SUBMITTED BY NEW ZEALAND ASKING RAPPOREUR TO REPORT "SENSE OF COMMITTEE " THE PUBLIC INFORMATION POLICIES CONTINUE TO BE CONSIDERED IN FIFTH COMMITTEE WAS APPROVED 44 US) TO 16 TO 21 (SOVIET BLOC, TUNISIA). ANOTHER NEW ZEALAND ORAL DECISION ASKING RAPPOREUR TO REPORT SENSE OF COMMITTEE THAT COLOMBIAN DRAFT RESOLUTION WOULD INVOLVE NO ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES WAS APPROVED 43 (US) TO 4 TO 18.

4. DURING EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE, THERE WERE SOME ANGRY EXCHANGES, BUT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN MAINTAINED THAT THERE WAS NO INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN THE COMMITTEE'S DECISION TO REJECT THE ALGERIAN AMENDMENT TO OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 3 OF THE COLOMBIAN DRAFT RESOLUTION AND THE COMMITTEE'S DECISION TO ADOPT THE NEW ZEALAND PROPOSAL THAT "IT WAS THE SENSE OF THE COMMITTEE" THAT PUBLIC INFORMATION SHOULD BE DEALT WITH IN THE 5TH COMMITTEE.
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